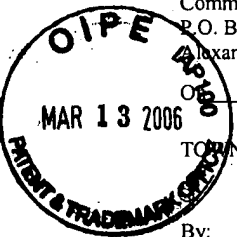


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response. Applicants thank the Examiner for his assistance and courtesy during the interview of December 20, 2005.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.